GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received information regarding involvement of terrorist organisations in smuggling activities;

(b) if so, whether any special drive has been started by the law enforcing agencies to check the smuggling of drugs and fake currency notes; and

(c) if so, the number of such cases came to the notice of the Government during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) : Some cases of smuggling of weapons, explosives, narcotic drugs and counterfeit Indian currency by smugglers operating in connivance with terrorists have come to notice.

(b) : Government of India has already taken a number of steps to prevent and put effective check on smuggling activities including drug trafficking and terrorism. These include maintenance of utmost vigil and step up enforcement efforts, training to officers, close interaction between agencies of the Centre and State Governments, neutralizing plans of anti-national elements by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons, fencing of Indo-Pak border provided with flood lighting, vesting of powers in BSF and Coast Guards under the Customs Act, quarterlycoordination meetings by NCB, holding of quarterlycross-border meetings of Indian and Pakistani anti-narcotics agencies as a part of the border meetings of BSF and Pak Rangers.

(c) In one case on 28th/29th October, 2000, Delhi Police caught 8 Pakistani nationals reported to be ISI agents with 50 kgs. of heroin and 14.5 kgs. of RDX.